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Dear Air Board,

For the past 20 years, I have called Alexandria my home. In that time I have seen a lot of changes, and they have not all been for the better. Whether you want to call it urban blight or urban sprawl, the end result is the same: there are more people crowding into a small area than ever before. This is why it is so puzzling to me that there is any hesitation in allowing the power plant to go ahead with the proposal to create an environmentally sound stack merge.

Looking around and seeing the population explosion, I think it only makes sense that more power will be needed to serve everyone. It seems counterproductive to reduce the output of any power plant, but taking measures that may ultimately result in the end of a plant is just irresponsible. I cannot help but wonder what ulterior motive there would be in stopping Mirant from making our power plant more environmentally friendly. It seems that there are those who think it is a good idea to waste the public's money to fight against something that will improve our quality of life without costing us a dime. I do not see the reasoning.

Please understand the importance in granting the proper permit for Mirant to update our power plant. You must realize that the plant is too important in the grand scheme of our energy needs to suppress. An idea has been proposed that will improve our air quality without creating an eyesore. I ask you not to stand in the way of progress.

Thank you for your help,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warren Hamilton', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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